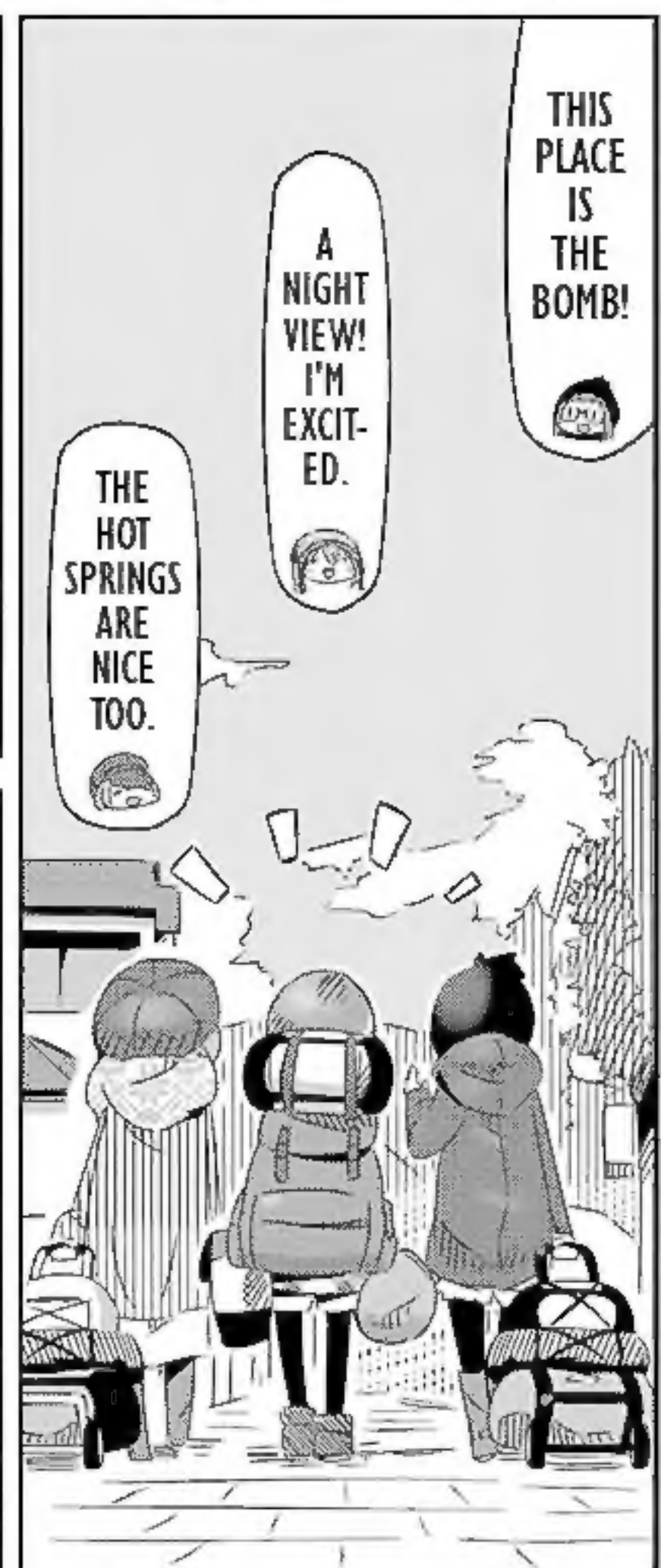


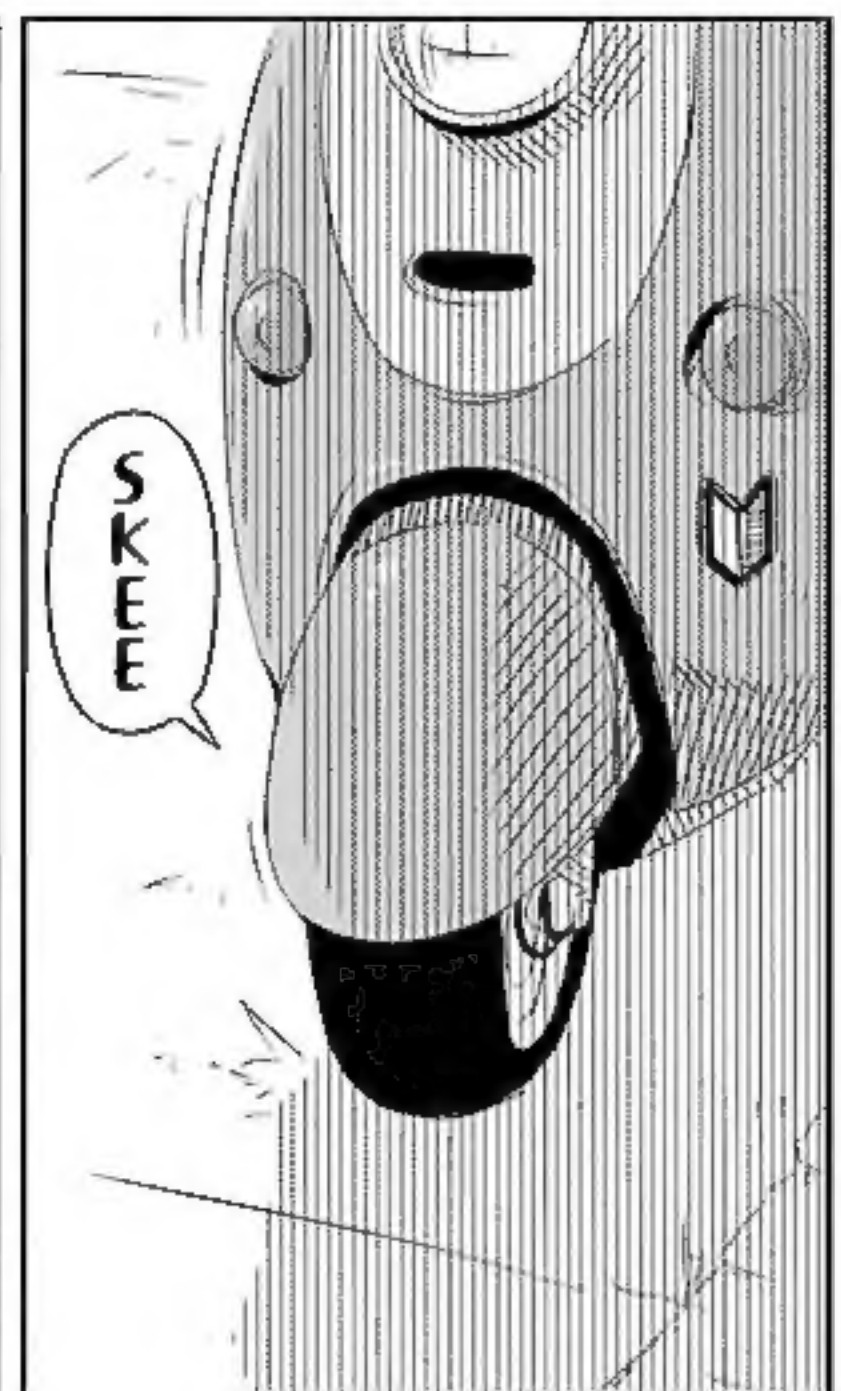
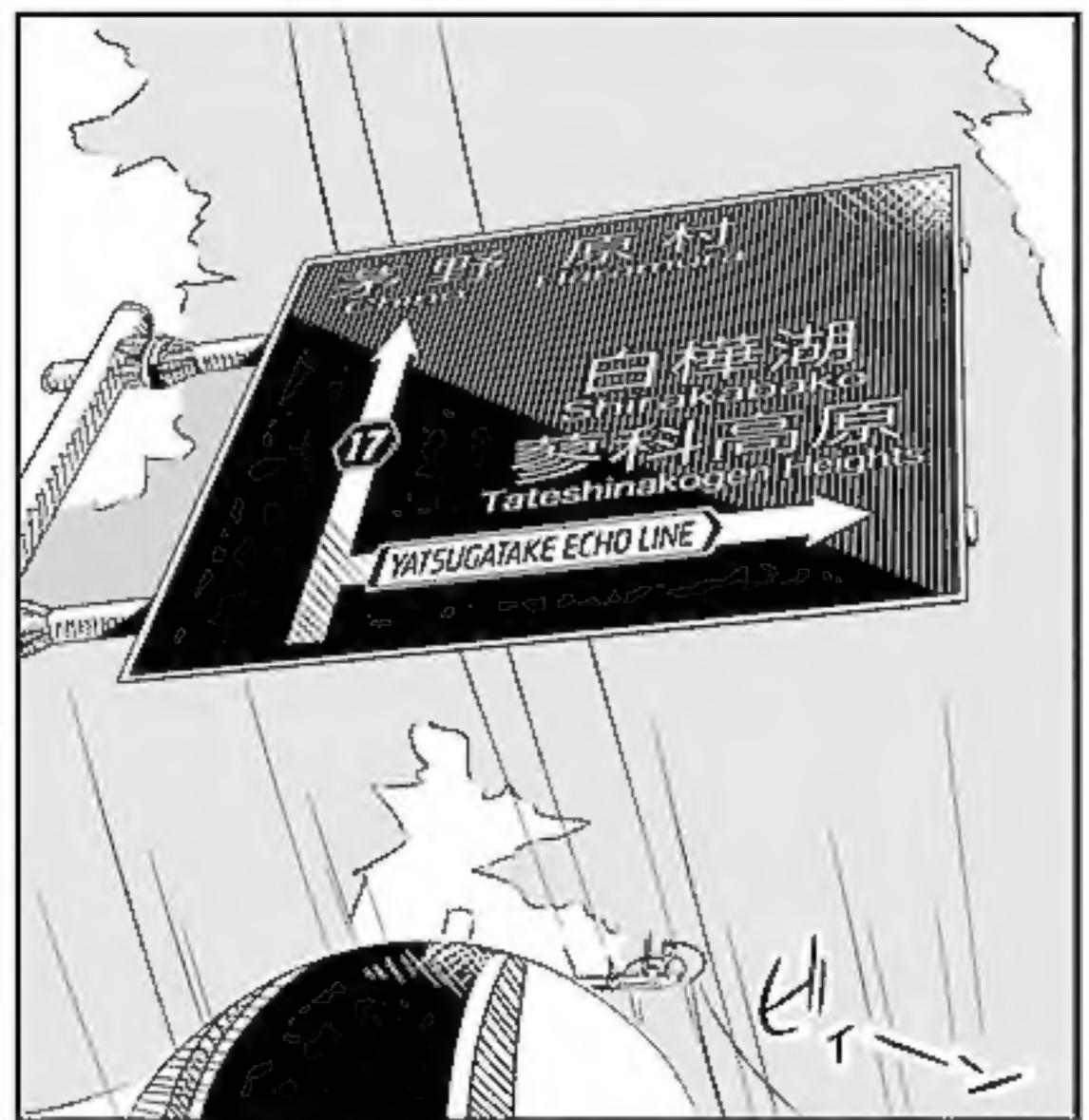
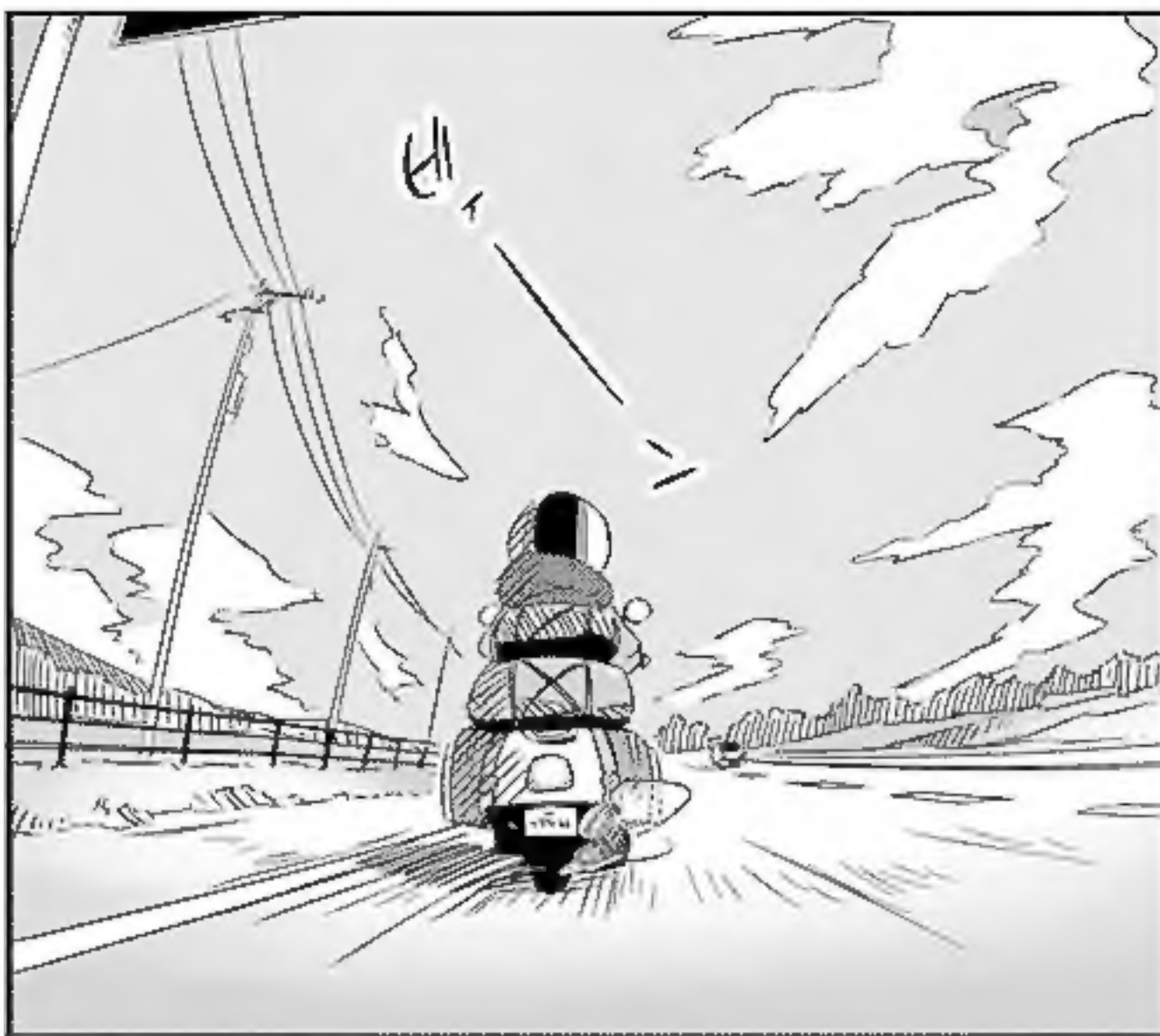
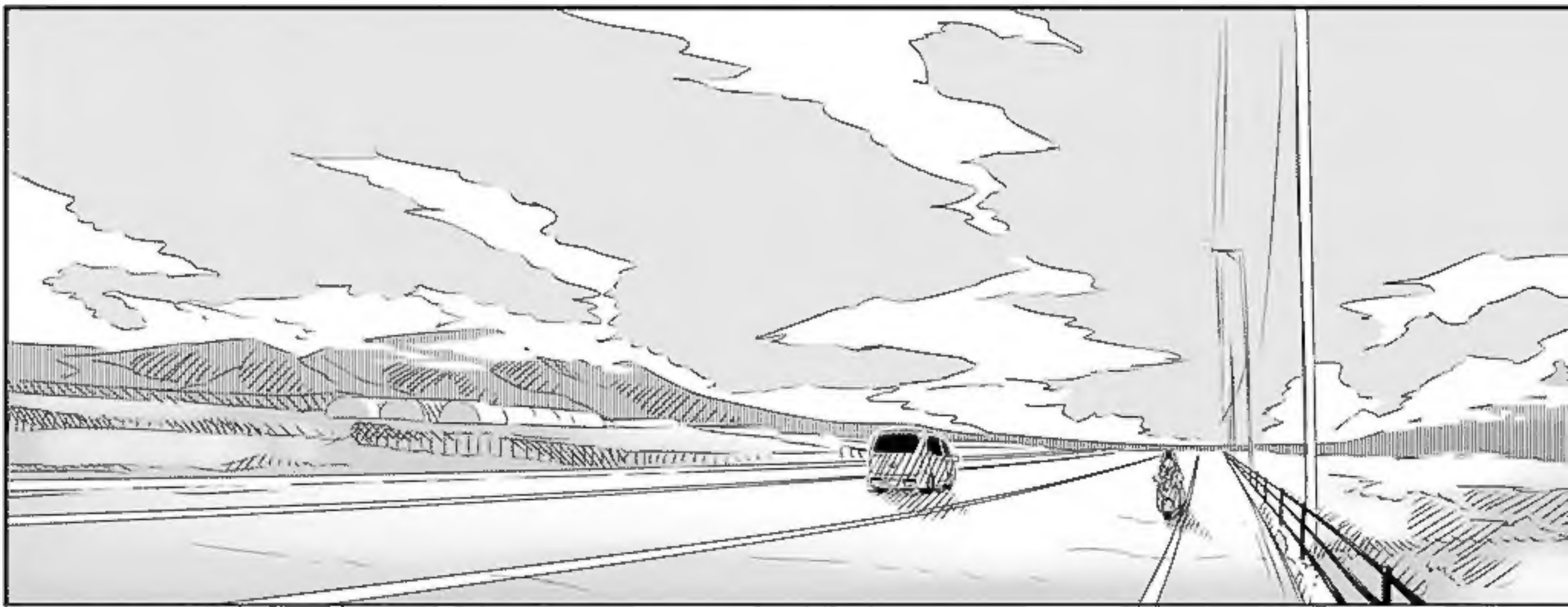


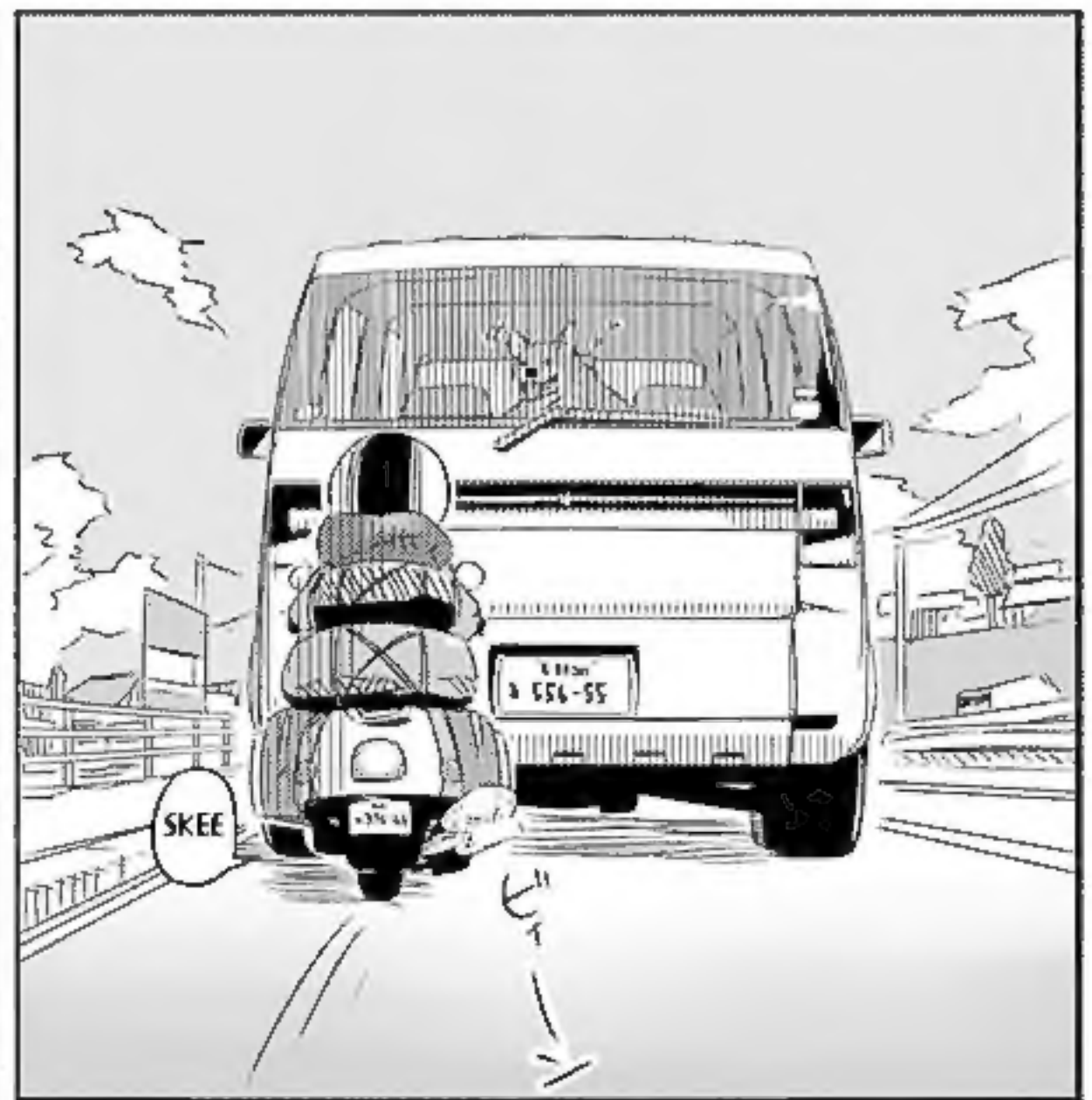
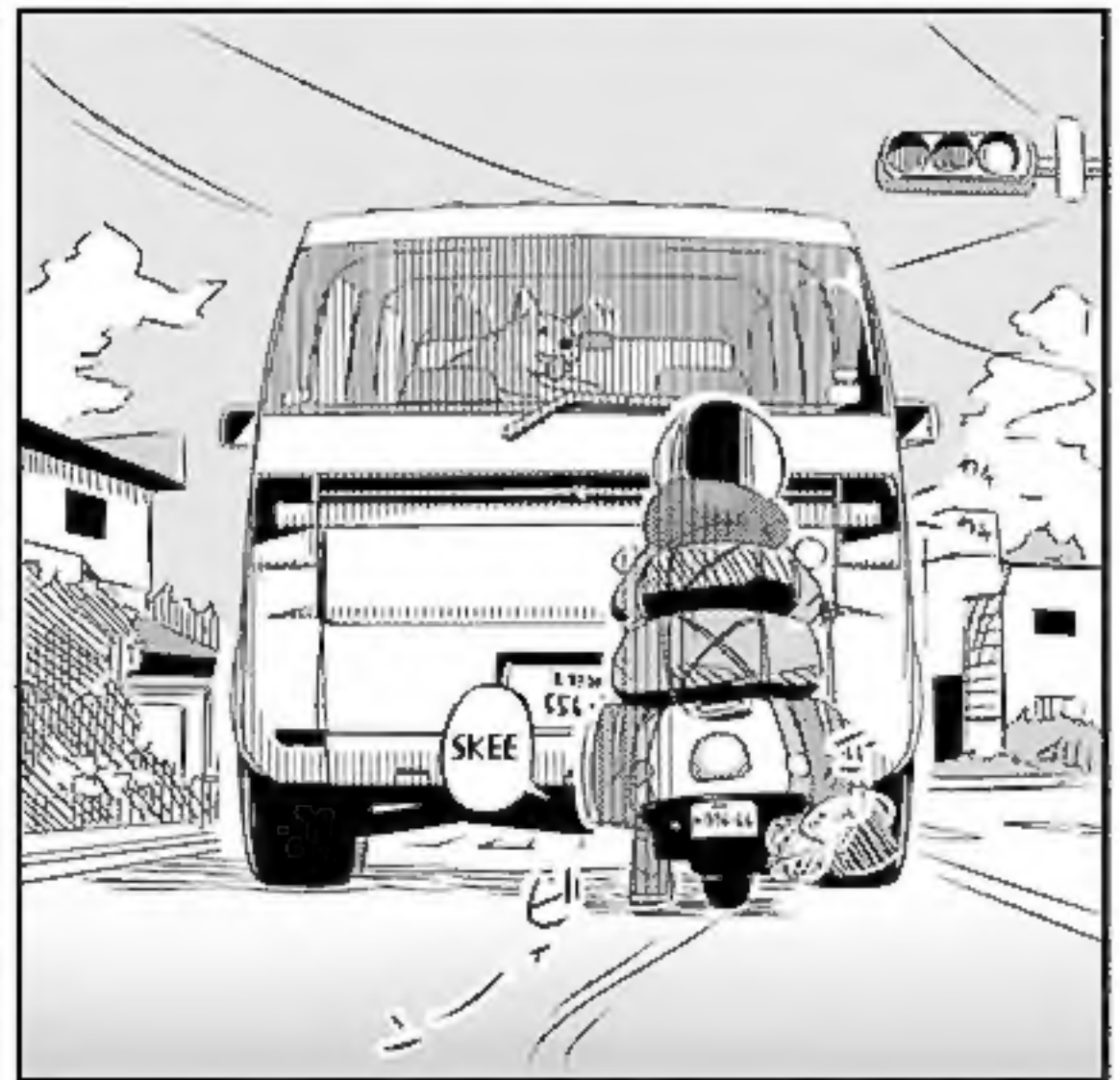


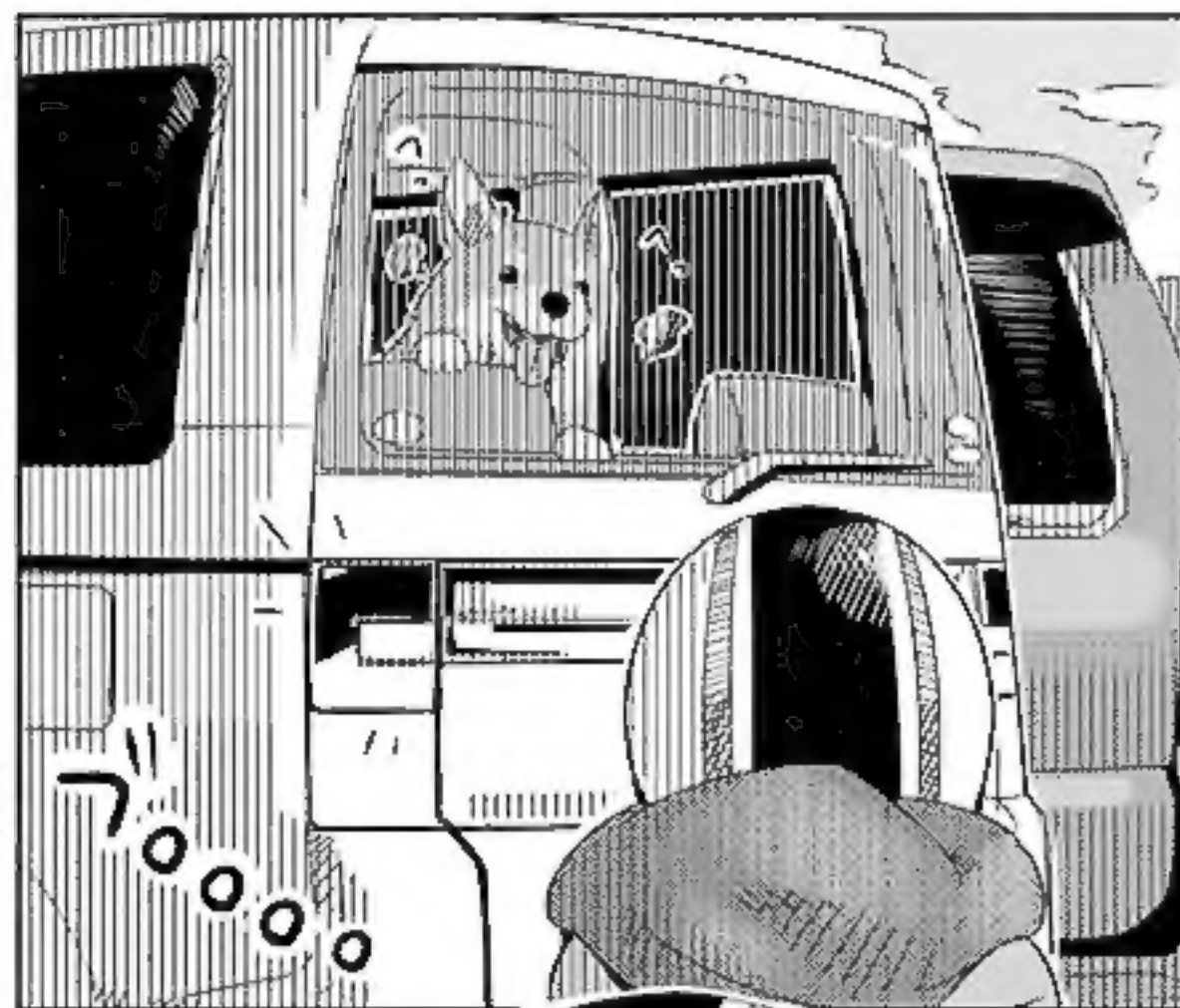
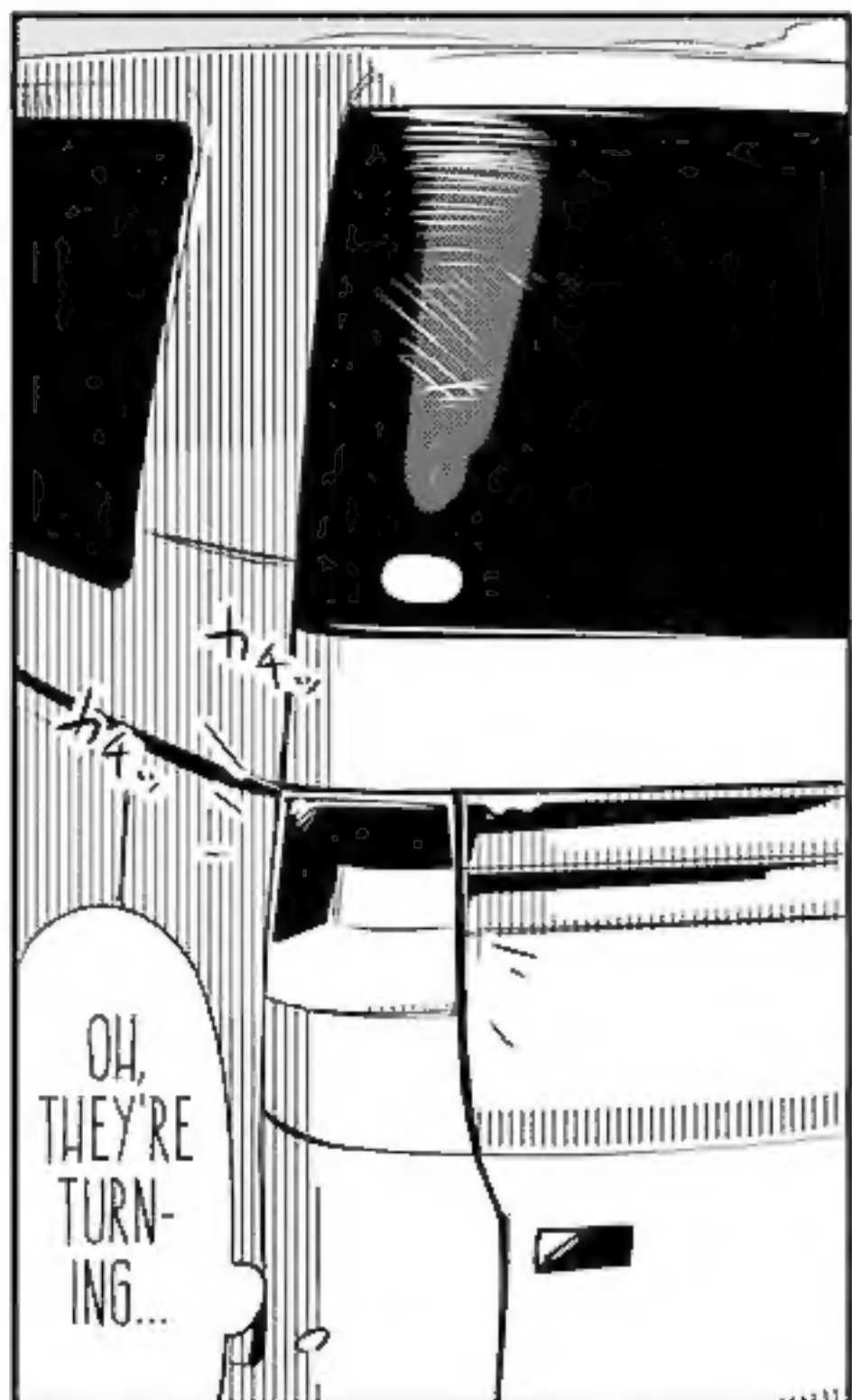
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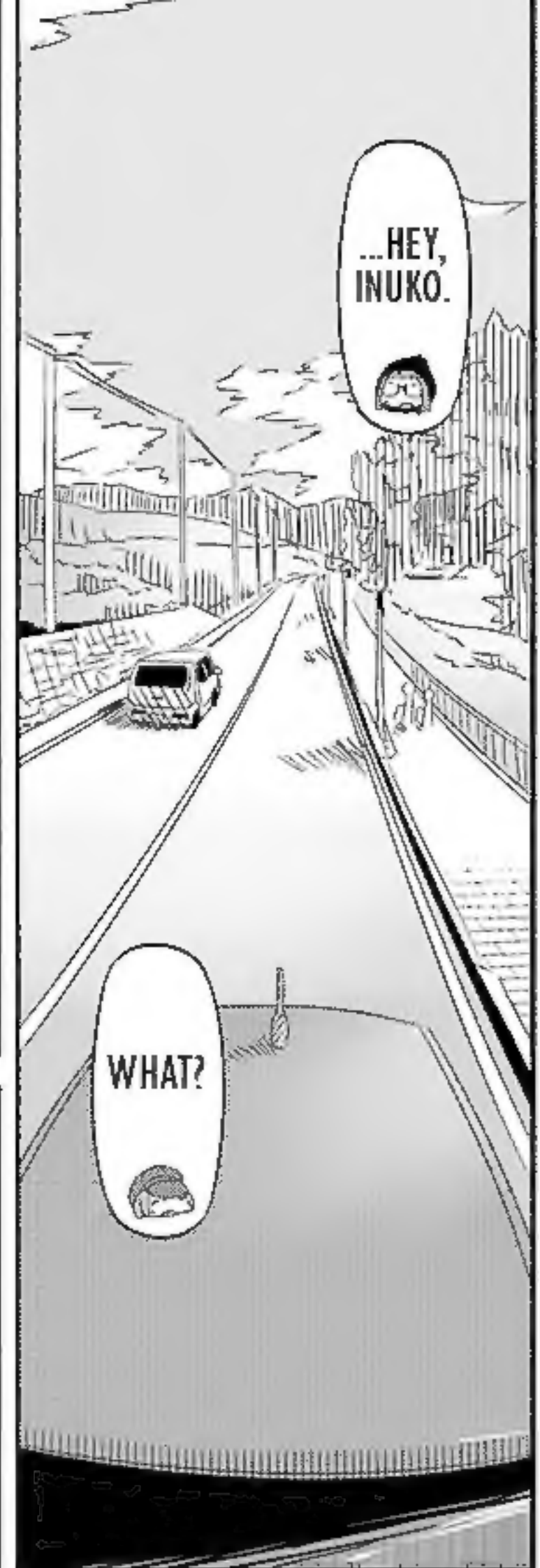




SHOULD WE JUST LET HER CARRY EVERYTHING?

SHE'S SO ENERGETIC.

333HH



...HEY, INUKO.

WHAT?



AGREED.

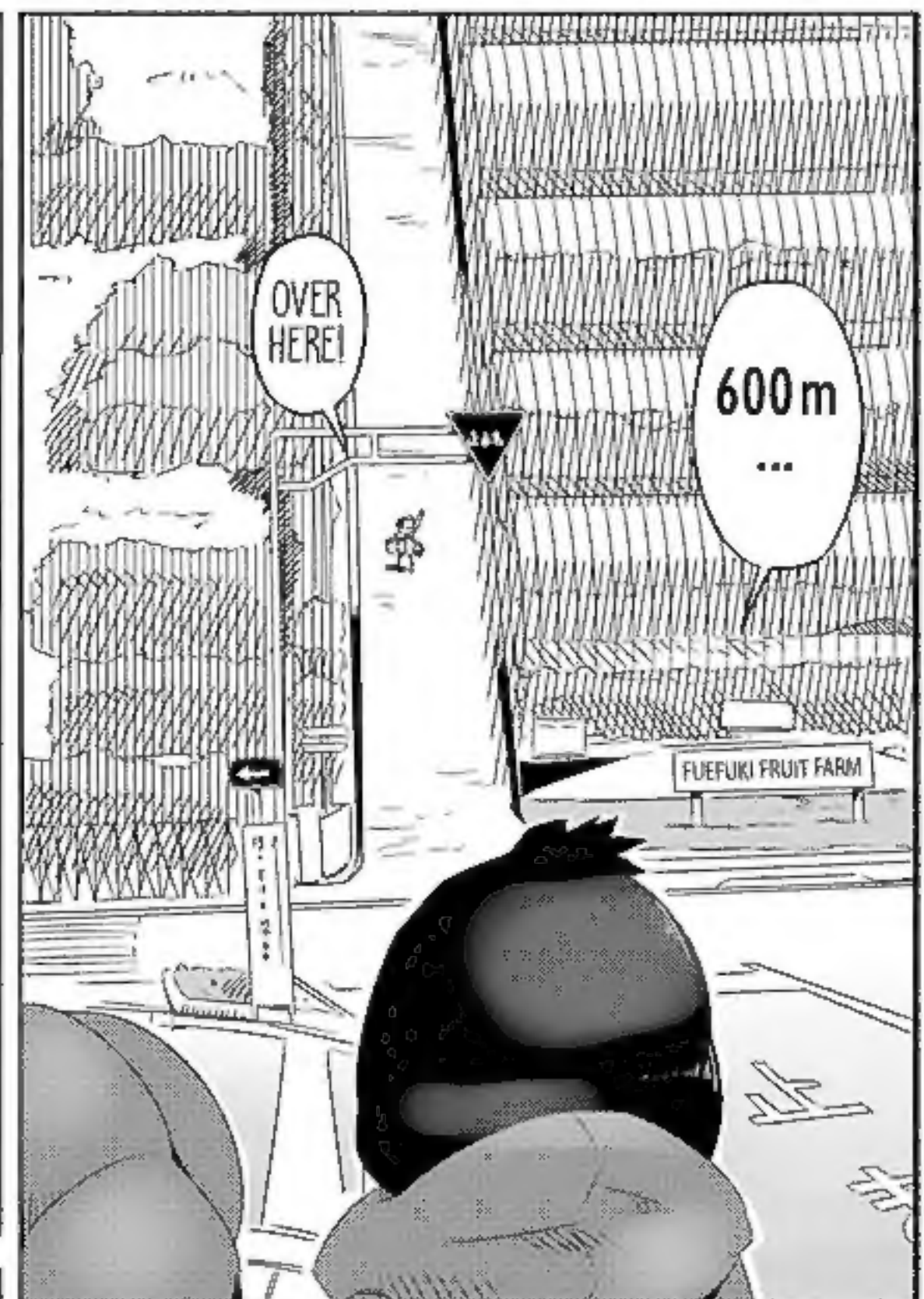
I'M DYING

IT'S 600m TO FUEFUKI PARK. LET'S TAKE A BREAK.



FUEFUKI PARK OR BUST!!

HEY, OVER HERE!



OVER HERE!

600m ...

FUEFUKI FRUIT FARM

T/N: Inuko is a nickname for Inuyama.

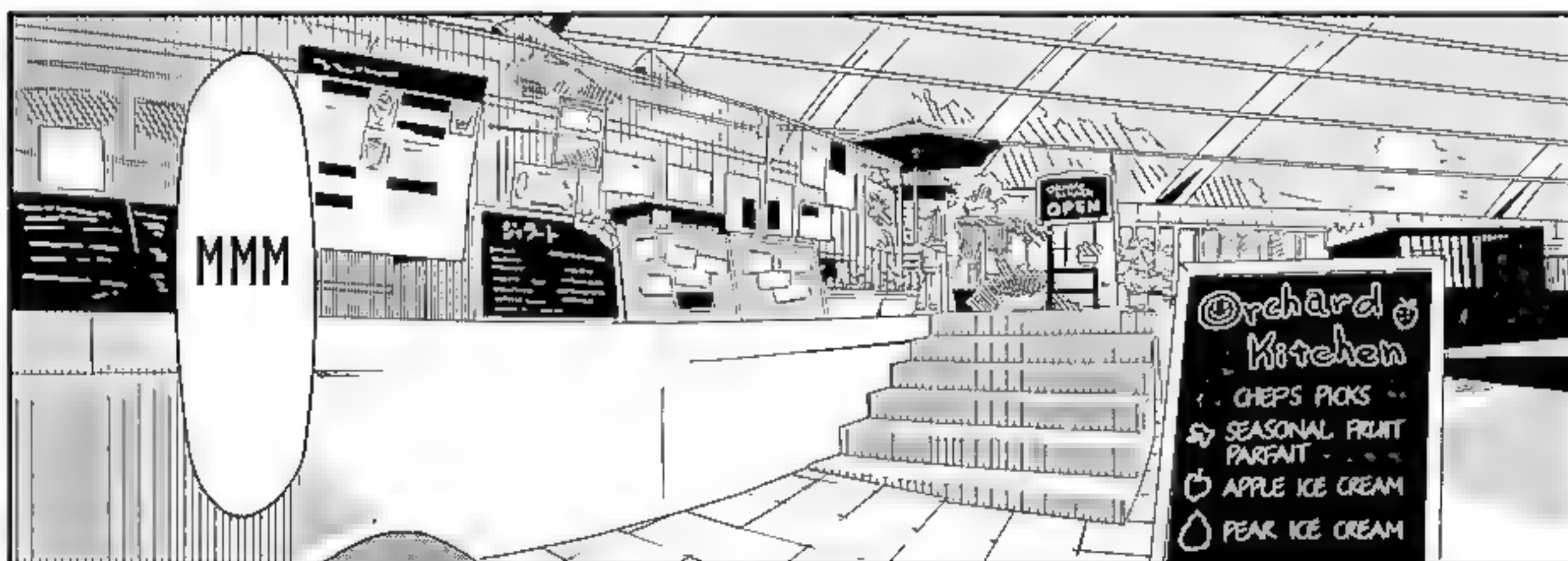
WHOA,
WHAT AN
AMAZING
VIEW!!

WELL,
THIS
IS A
PRETTY
FAMOUS
VIEW-
POINT.

WE
MADE
IT...

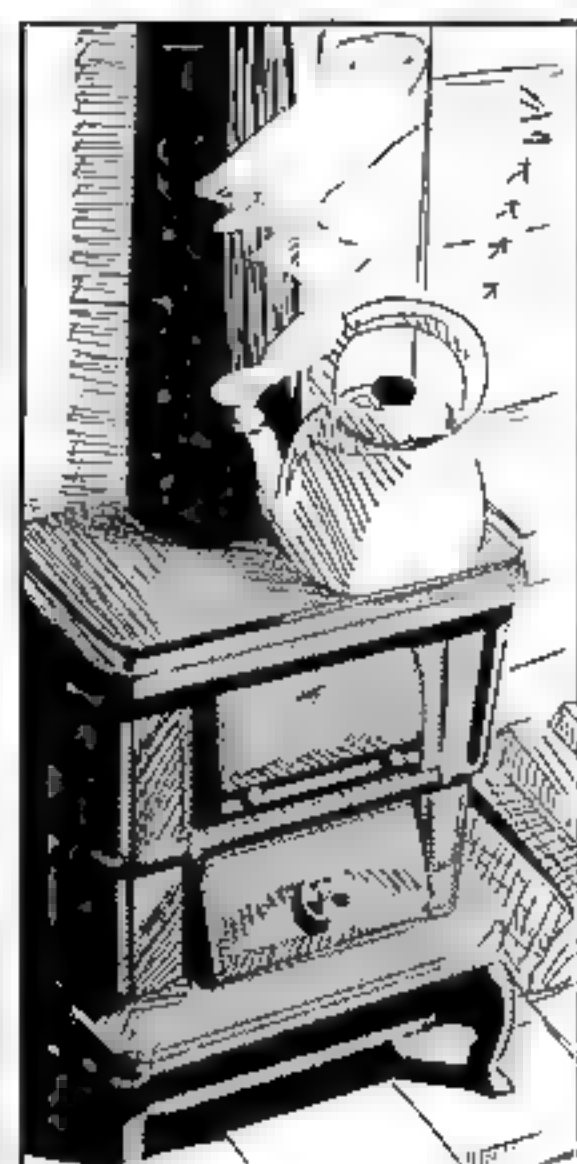
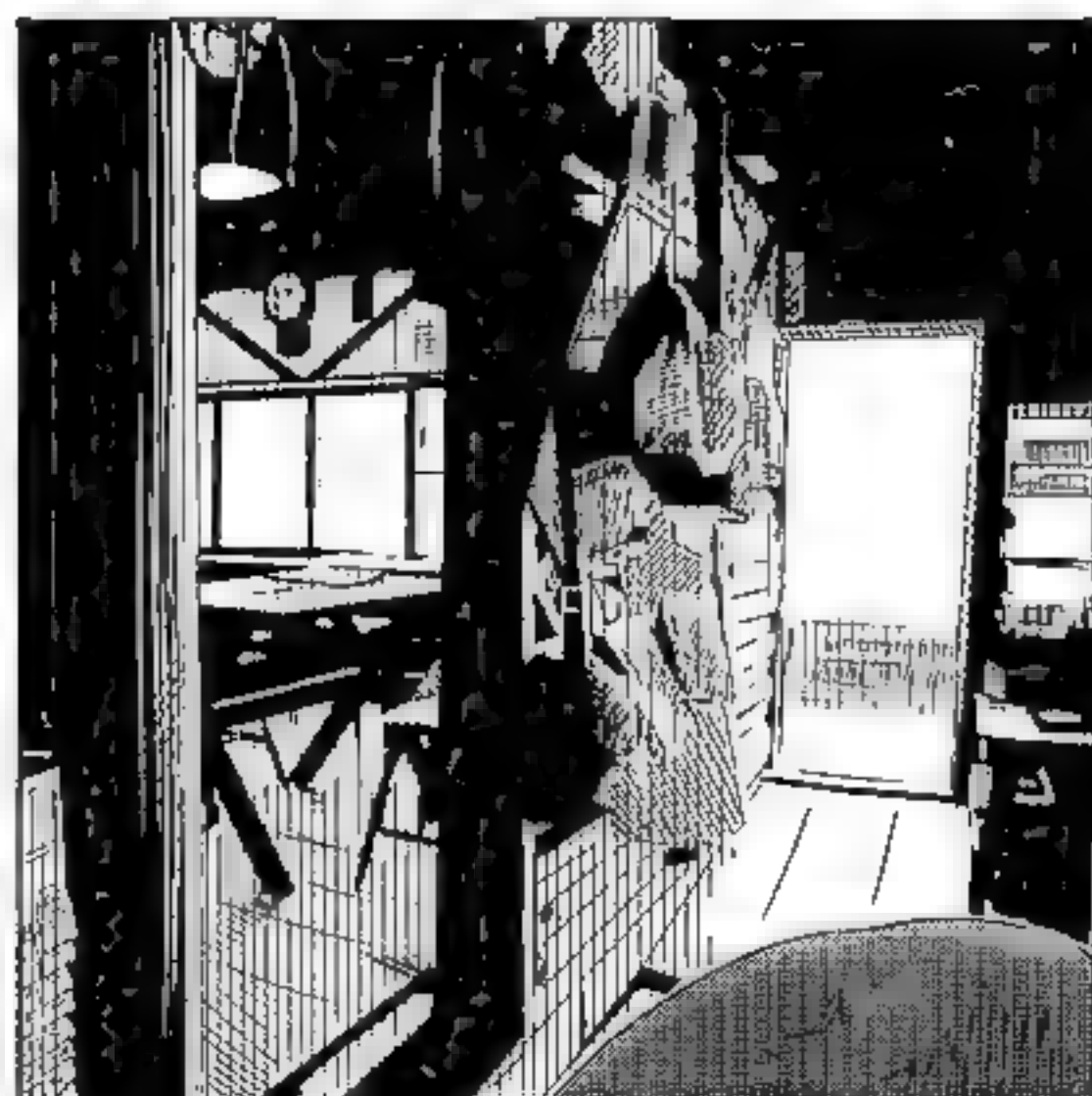


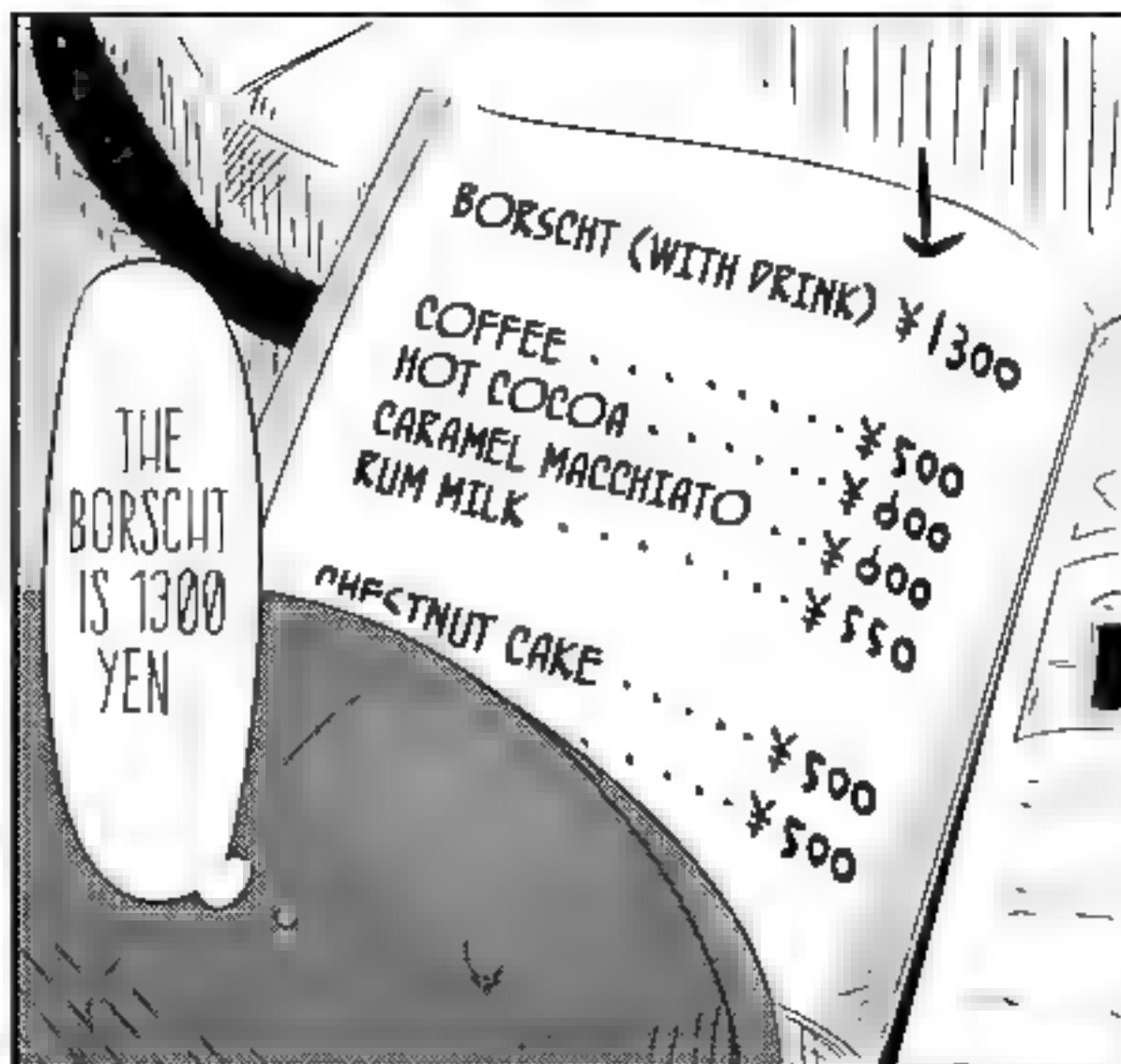




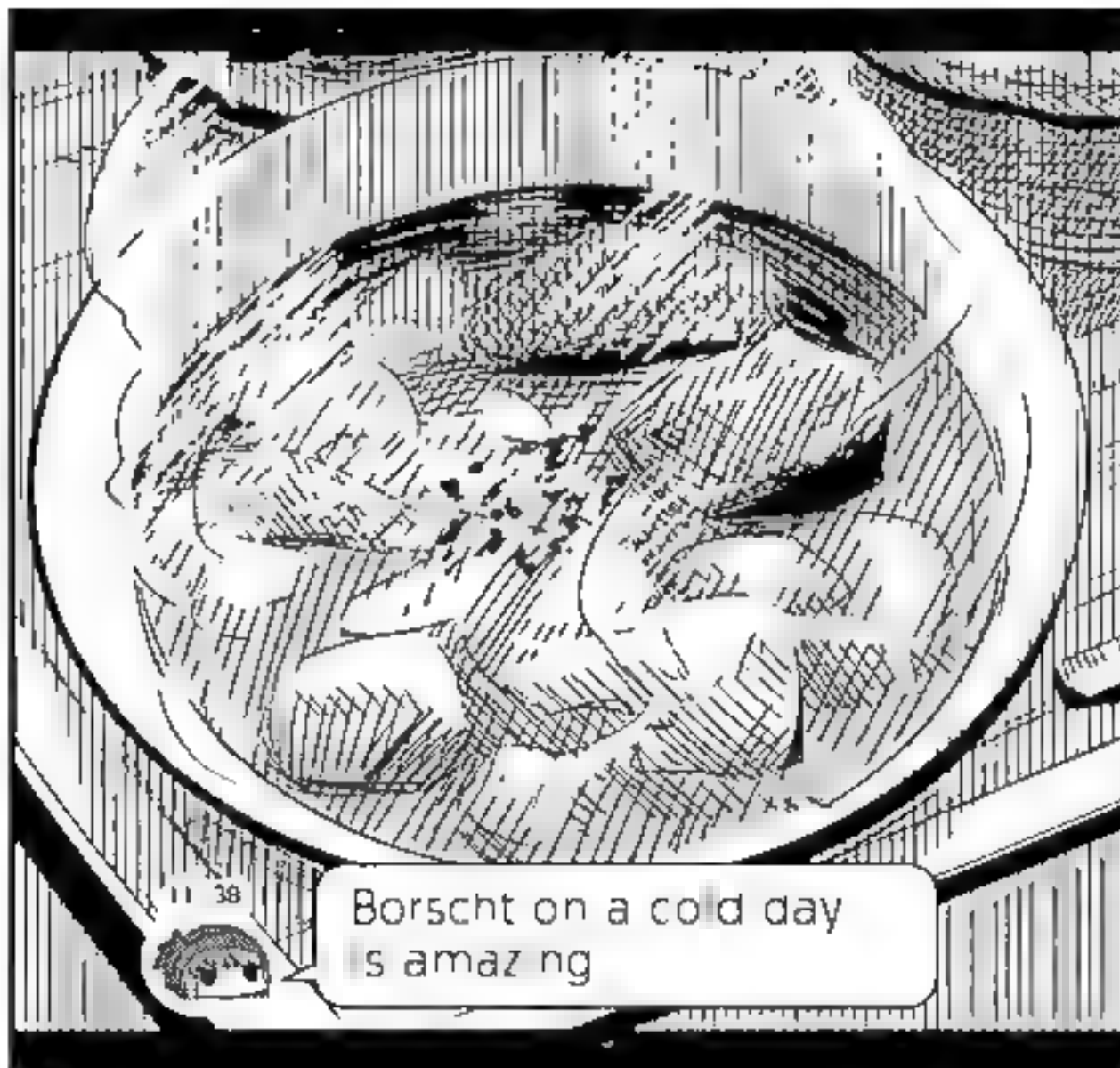




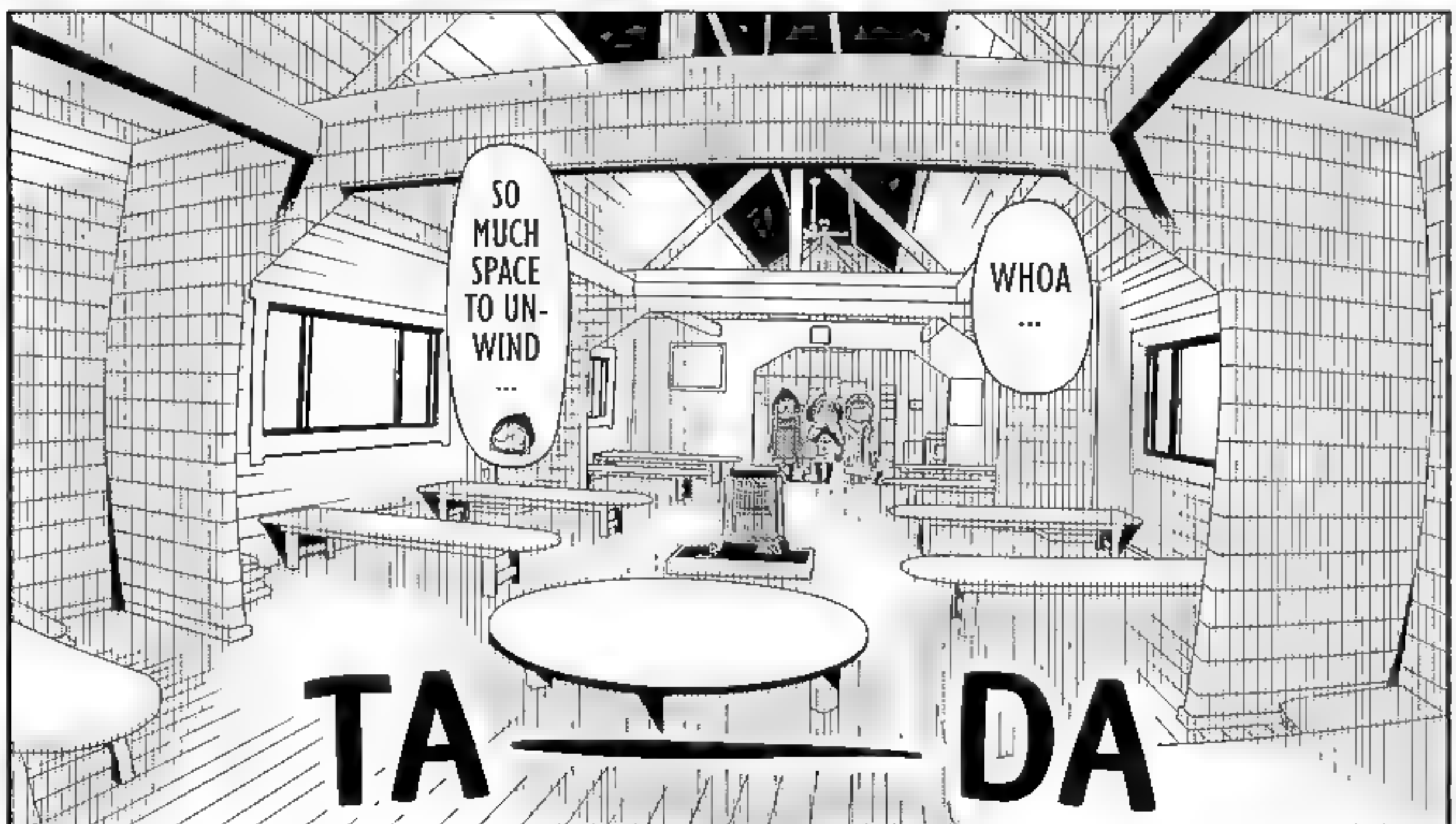
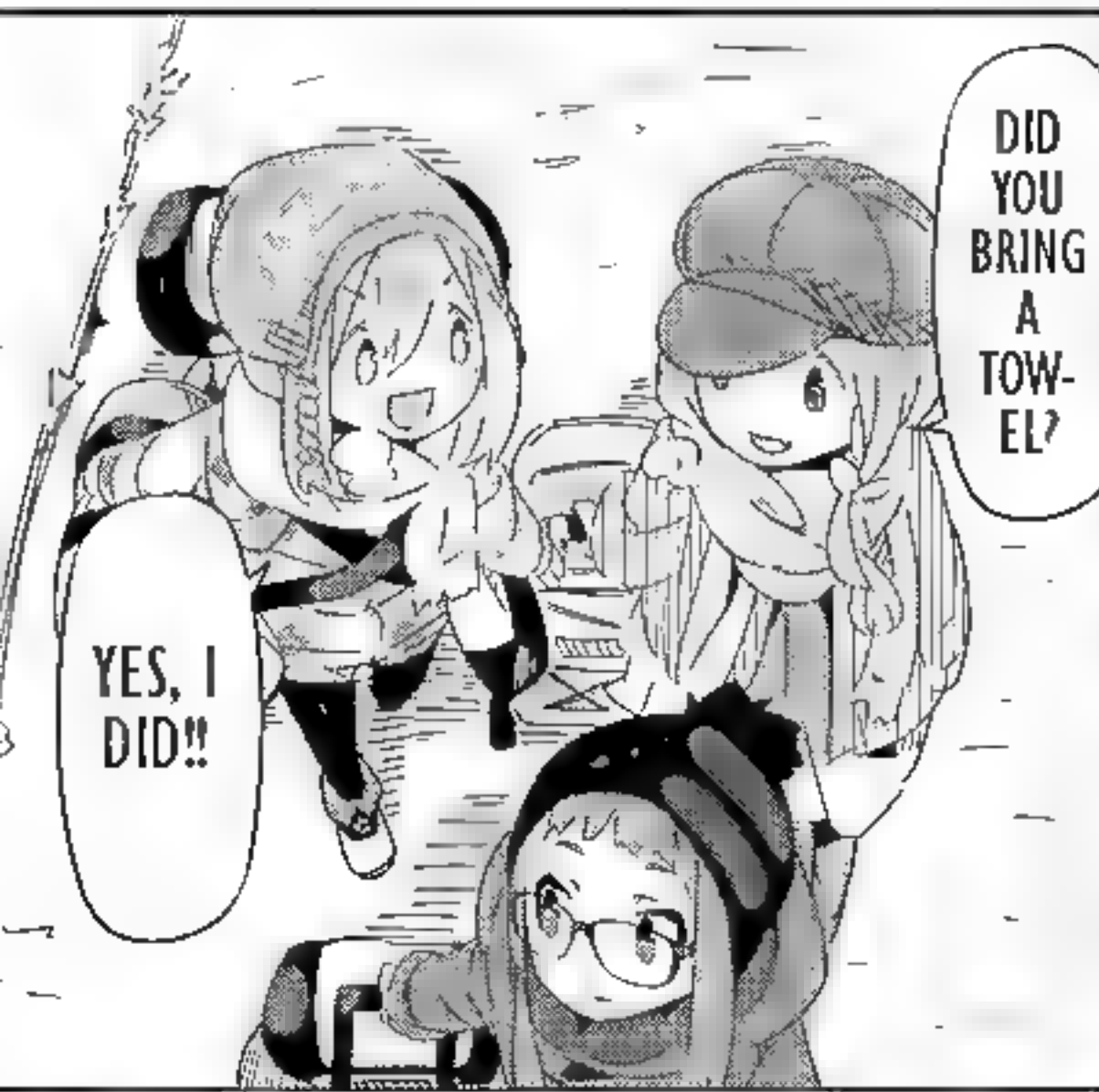


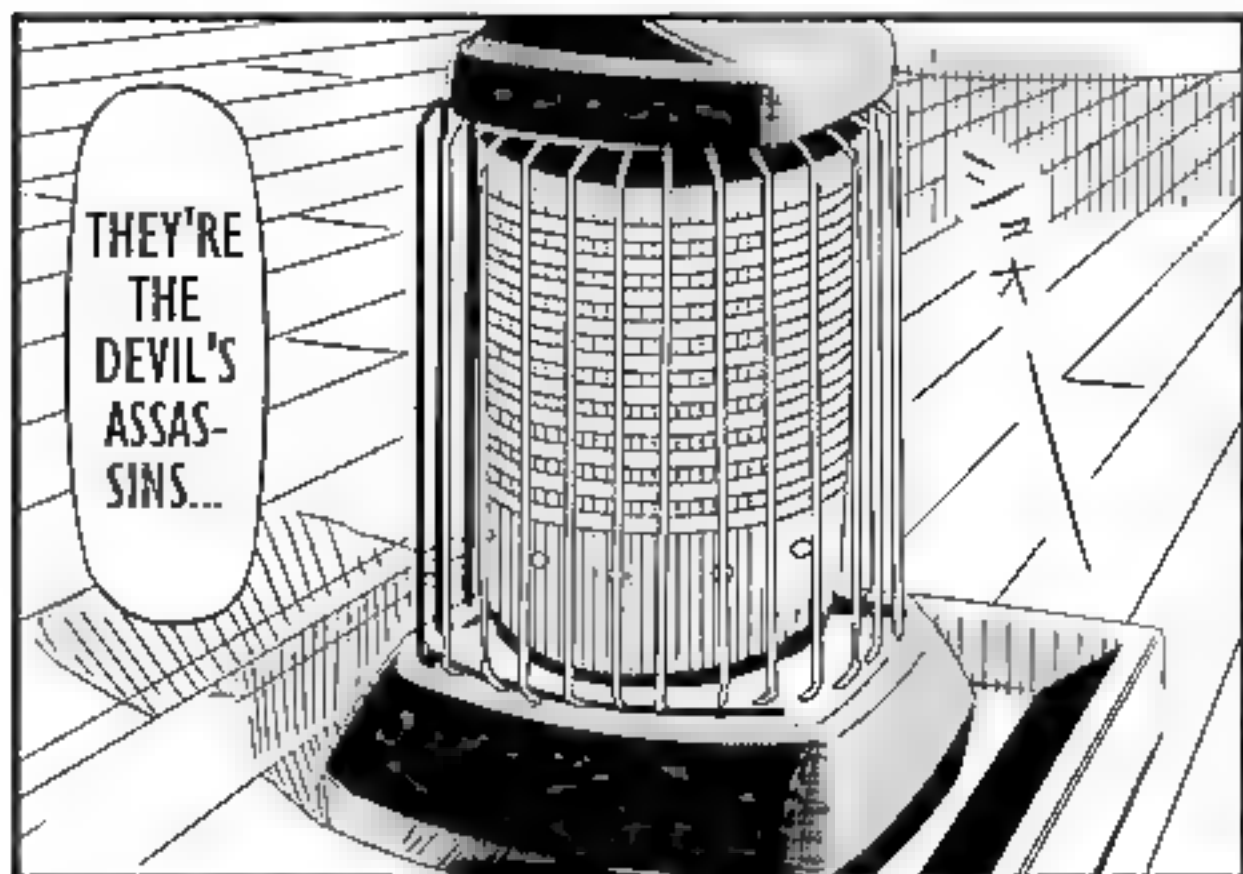


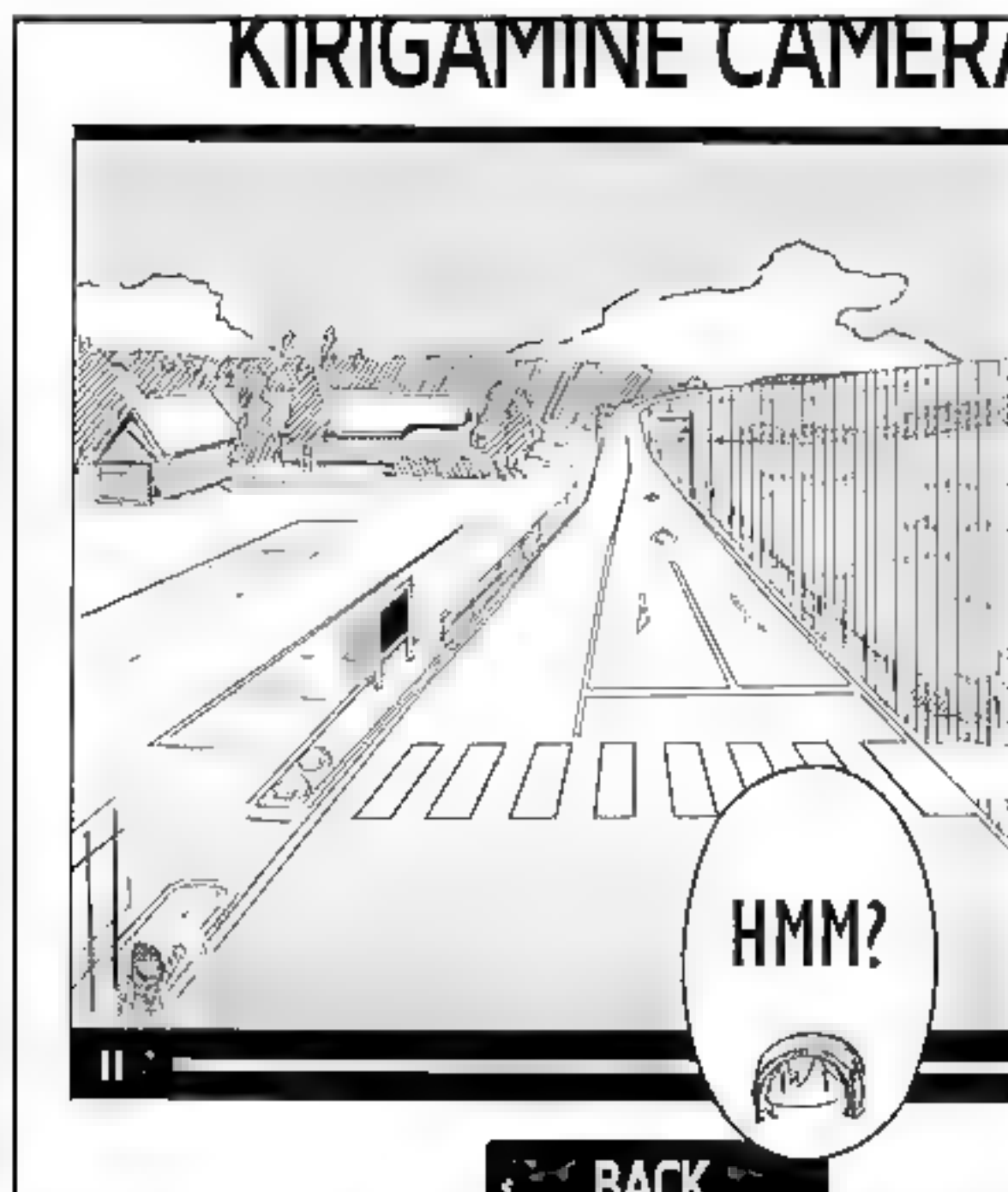




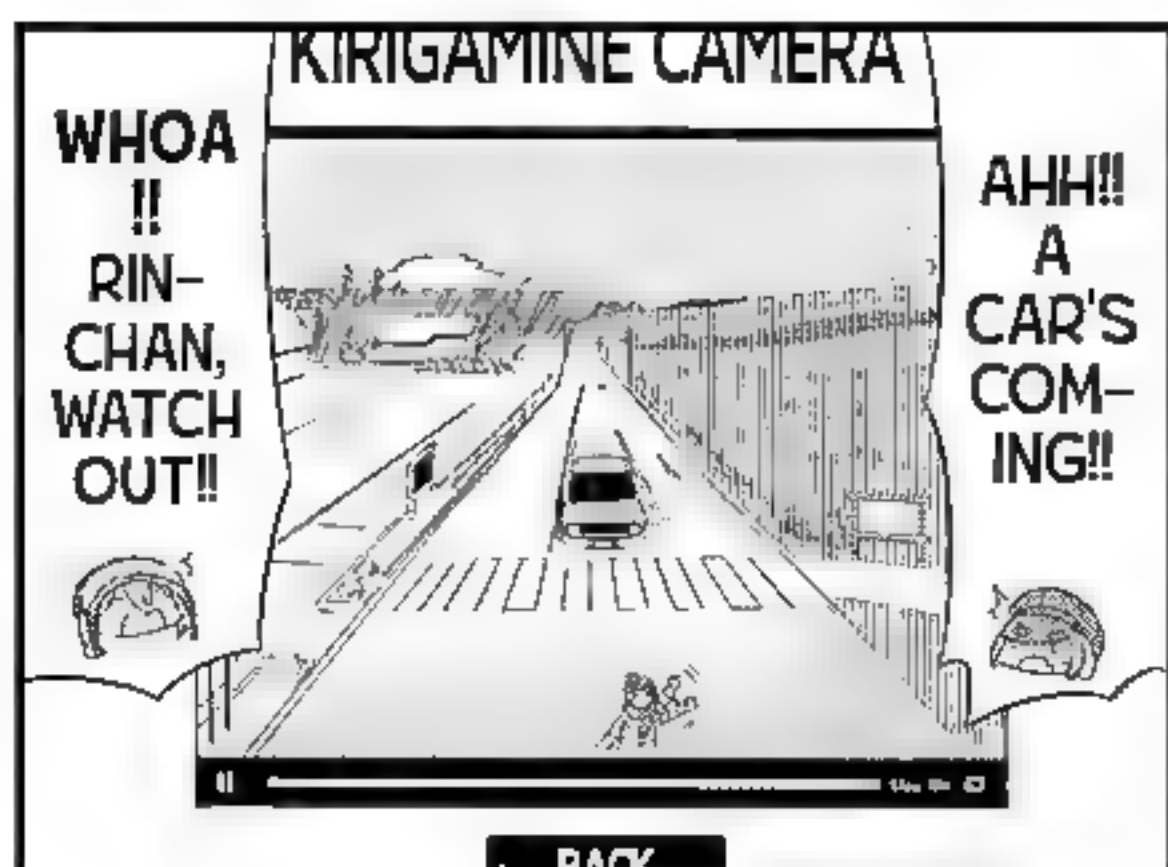
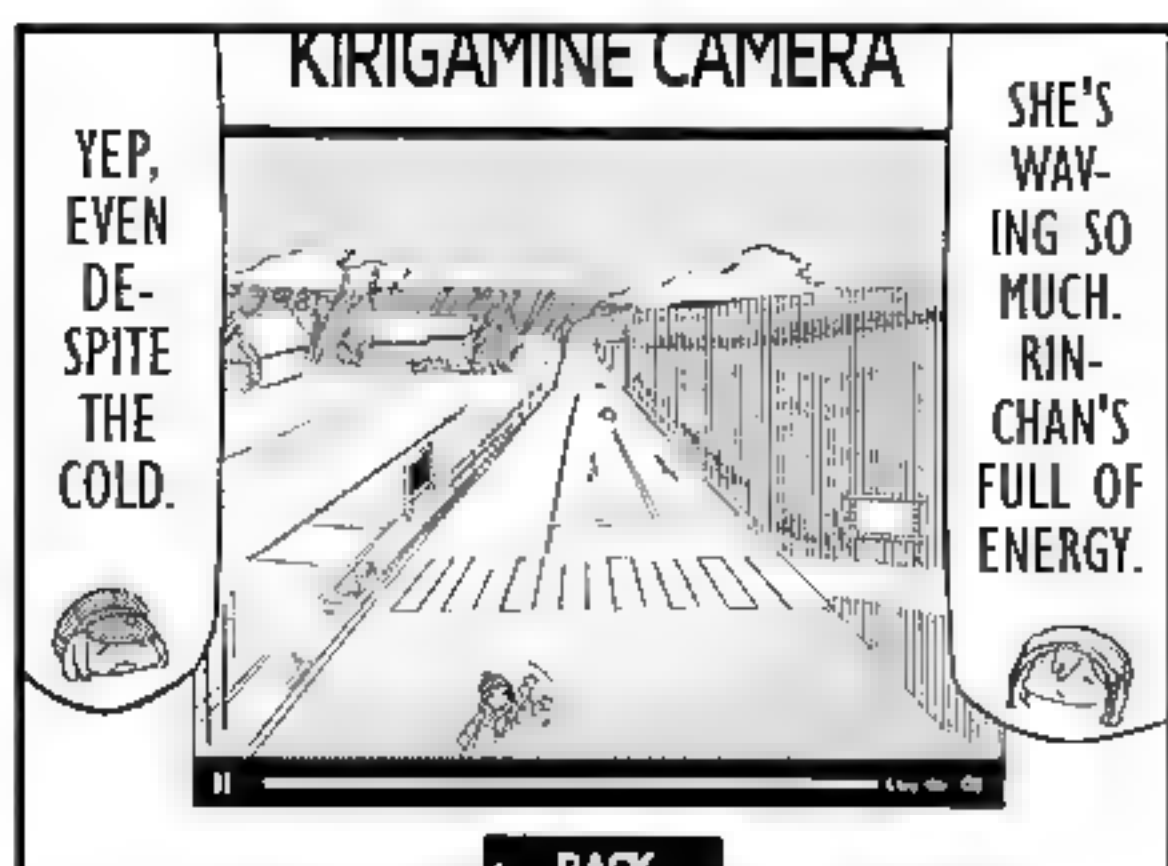






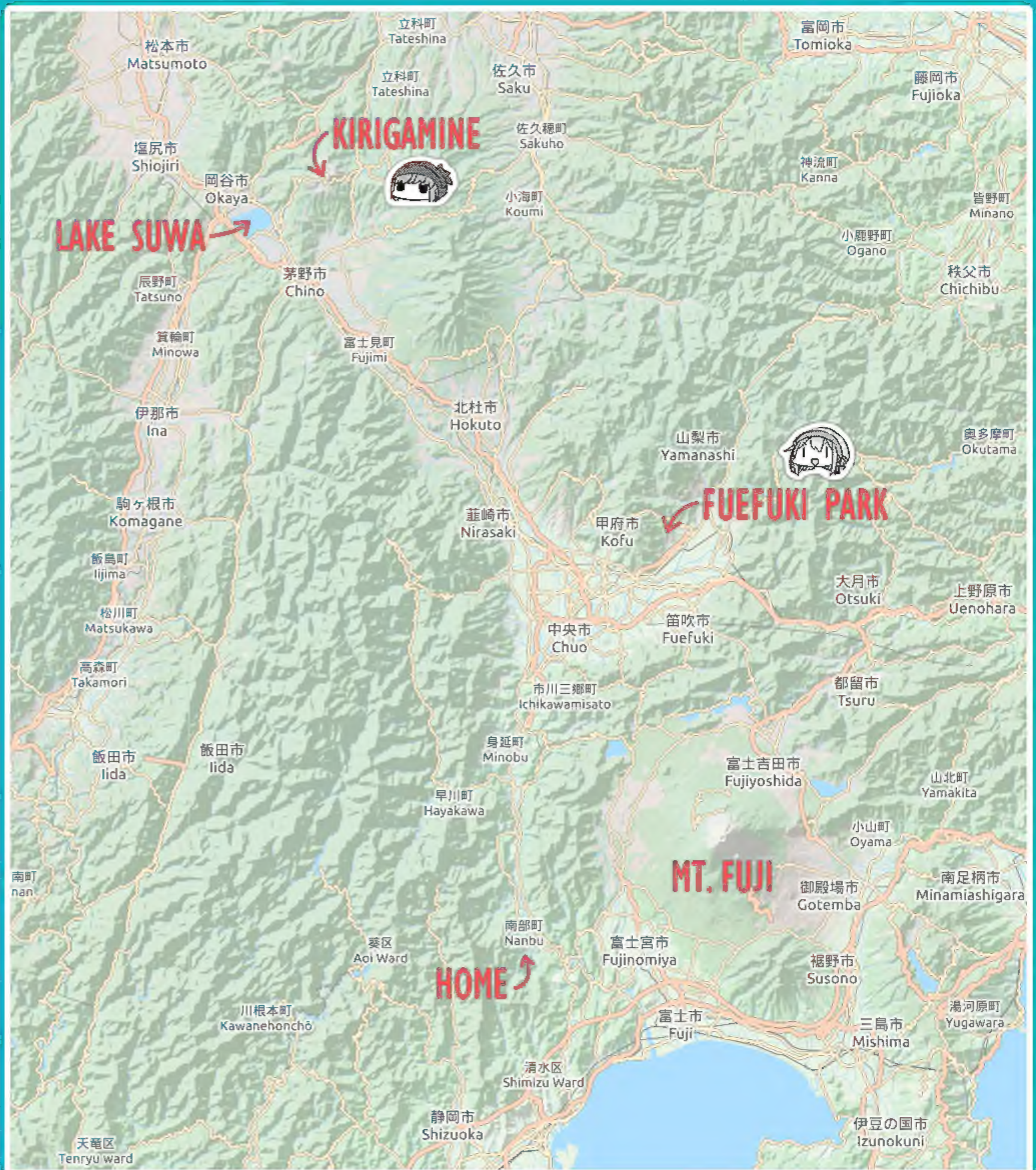






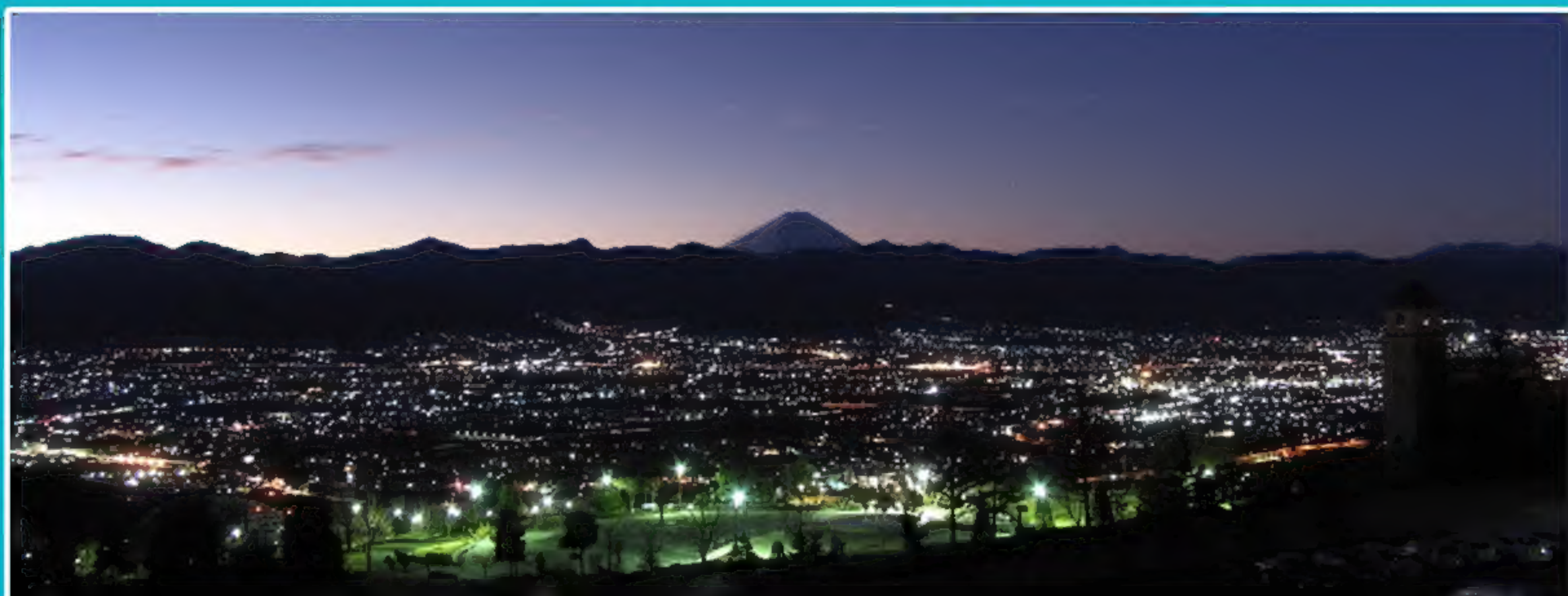


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Fuefukigawa Fruit Park

Fuefukigawa Fruit Park is a public park in the prefecture of Yamanashi. It lies north of Mt. Fuji, perched on a plateau overlooking Kofu Basin. The view from the park is nothing short of spectacular, especially on a clear night, when the city lights below illuminate the looming figure of Mt. Fuji behind the Southern Alps. Esteemed as one of the Top Three Night Views of Japan, Fuefukigawa Fruit Park is an iconic and popular tourist destination. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of fruit themed attractions. Yamanashi is one of Japan's largest producers of fruit and is even dubbed the "Kingdom of Fruit." At the Fruit Museum, you can learn about the history of agriculture in the region, with an emphasis on Yamanashi's grapes and peaches. Of the oddly shaped glass domes, one of them is an actual greenhouse that houses exotic tropical fruit trees such as banana, mango, and papaya. Outside are orchards of local fruit and a beautiful, bright-colored flower garden. The park also doubles as a resort, where you can stay the night at the Fruit Park Fujiya Hotel. It's a popular romantic getaway for couples, who can soak comfortably together in the hot springs while basking in the magnificent night view. To top it all off, stores in the park sell Yamanashi fruit products to help support local businesses. One shop sells over 160 different kinds of wine, all produced within the prefecture. The Orchard Café, where the Outdoor Club girls break for sweets, uses ripe, locally sourced fruits to make delicious ice cream, parfiats, smoothies, and curry.



Korobokkuru Hutte

If you drive along the Venus Line road from Suwa, Nagano Prefecture, you can find a mountain cottage with beautiful chocolate-colored exterior walls on your way to Lake Shirakaba. Korobokkuru Hutte is located at 1,820 meters above sea level in an area called Kurumayamakata, which is part of Mt. Kuruma, the 1,925-meter main peak of the Kirigamine highlands. This year the lodge marked the 60th anniversary of its founding in 1956 by Muneyasu Tezuka, the father of current owner Takane. From the hut, visitors can enjoy a close-up view of plants in the Kirigamine wetlands, with Mt. Asama beyond if the weather is good. During summertime, the wetland is home to blooming orange-yellow day lilies, while gentians are in bloom as autumn deepens. In winter, you can see the wetlands fully covered with snow. The hut's major attractions besides its scenic beauty are coffee brewed the old-fashioned way using a siphon (¥500) and cheesecake (¥500). Borscht (¥950) is another dish favored by many customers. Takane upgraded Korobokkuru Hutte's cafe service when he took over running the hut after Muneyasu died at the age of 80 in 2012. Now a terrace with sun umbrellas is frequented by so-called yama-girls, or young female mountain climbers wearing colorful outdoor gear. The environment of the Kirigamine highlands has significantly changed since the time when Muneyasu was a pioneer in the grassland area, which had no sewage system or electricity when he started his cottage business. The full opening of the Venus Line in 1981 caused the most common type of visitors to Kirigamine to change from climbers to tourists coming by car. The grasslands have been damaged by tourists walking on them, while the number of day lilies has also been dropping in recent years because deer eat the flowers, requiring fences to be placed around them for protection. Takane shares the best parts of the highlands with visitors to his cottage. "I'll do my best to maintain the scenic beauty of Kirigamine that my father loved," he said.

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